

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
COURT OF JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE

IN RE:

Judge Amy L. Zanelli  
Magisterial District Judge  
Magisterial District 31-1-06  
Lehigh County

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No. 1 JD 2026

**ORDER**

AND NOW, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2026, it is hereby ORDERED that Magisterial District Judge Amy L. Zanelli is placed on Judicial Diversion. Additionally, Magisterial District Judge Danielle N. Travagline (Mentor) is appointed as a counselor and mentor to Magisterial District Judge Zanelli.

**Statement of Reasons**

On January 7, 2026, the Judicial Conduct Board filed a Complaint against Magisterial District Judge Amy L. Zanelli, alleging that she engaged in judicial misconduct including:

- 1) Making intemperate statements to employees working for her;
- 2) Using profanity in front of her staff;
- 3) Having a "book of grudges" at her office listing her grudges against some of the people she had dealt with;
- 4) Keeping a sexually explicit calendar in view of her employees;
- 5) Refusing to allow a defendant to cross-examine a victim;
- 6) Being unavailable or tardy for court;
- 7) Being impatient, undignified and discourteous in the course of her duties.

## Mentorship

1. To help resolve the issues presented by the Complaint in this case and to educate Magisterial District Judge Zanelli, the Mentor will meet at least six times between today through December 31, 2026. The frequency of meetings may be changed if approved by the court.

2. The sessions may be in-person meetings and/or by electronic or telephonic means.

3. Both the Mentor and Magisterial District Judge Zanelli are to work together in a collegial, cooperative, and honest manner, in good faith, and with due regard for the responsibilities and competencies of the other.

4. Mentoring will occur on the subjects set forth above. Magisterial District Judge Zanelli is to use her best efforts to attend continuing education programs, read and study written materials, engage in good faith discussion about the issues presented and to resolve those issues with the guidance of the Mentor.

5. The Mentor is permitted to observe Magisterial District Judge Zanelli at her District Court as necessary to accomplish the stated goals of this diversion program.

6. **Effect of a substantial failure to comply with the term of the Agreement.** If the Mentor concludes, at any time, that Magisterial District Judge Zanelli is not satisfactorily progressing with the terms of this Order, she is to notify the Court of Judicial Discipline of the same, by email and/or in writing. The Mentor is requested to be in contact with counsel to the Court of Judicial Discipline monthly with reports of her sessions with Magisterial District Judge Zanelli. The Mentor is acting under the authority of the Court of Judicial Discipline and is included within its immunity.

**Additional Conditions**

In addition to the Mentorship set forth above, Magisterial District Judge Zanelli will be on probation for one year. During that year, Magisterial District Judge Zanelli will not commit any misconduct. Magisterial District Judge Zanelli also agrees that for the length of her probation the Judicial Conduct Board may inform the Court of Judicial Discipline of any founded misconduct that would support the filing of charges or a resolution with a Letter of Counsel.

PER CURIAM

**CERTIFIED FROM THE RECORD**

MAY 22 2026

*Janet Jove*  
**Clerk of Court**